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Part B for July 34

SUBJECT.

L C Resolution by Mr. D.V

Expenditure recommending that steps may be taken to ensure that Postal Cover granted to newspapers in the State are not cancelled arbitrarily by the Postal authorities without consulting the Mysore Govt.

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L C Resolution No 5

by Mr D.V. Gundappa

Recommending that steps may be taken to ensure that postal Concessions granted to Newspapers in the State are not Cancelled arbitrarily by the postal Authorities without Consulting the Mysore Govt.

The file (MP 2-33-52 & 66) in which the Residency have Cancelled the postal Concessions granted to the weekly paper "Visvakarnataka" in 1925, ~~reference to the Mysore Govt~~, is sent herewith for reference

9/6/34.

The Postal ~~Auth~~ Dept. is a Department of the British Govt. and they do not deal with officers of the Mysore State direct. In the Postal rules only the Political officer is recognised in so far as relations with States are concerned and not the State Governments The questions raised in the Resolution seem to ~~raise~~ involve amendment of Postal rules and raise issues of a somewhat political nature Its admission is for consideration.

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The Resolution is in the nature of a representation to the Govt to secure a better system of obtaining postal concessions for papers in the State. The discussion may be watched & the actual position according to the postal rules explained. According to those rules a newspaper in a state has to get a recommendatory certificate from the Political Agent. For British Indian papers no such certificate is required.

(Chief Secretary) C 18/6/34

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to see if we can assess the facts.

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Reference:- Dewan's Minute.

The postal concessions are not given ipso facto. From the extract of the postal rules put up herewith it is seen that the Editors of the newspapers are expected to apply direct to the Postal Department, but in the case of Indian States, the application has to be accompanied by a recommendation in writing from the Political Officer.

The difficulty that is felt now is with reference to this recommendatory certificates required from the Residency. The Residency invariably insist on the Editors sending their applications through the Mysore Government, and recommendatory certificates are not readily granted on our recommendations. Elaborate further scrutiny is exercised in the Resident's Office and in several cases, they have stated that objectionable articles have come to the notice of the Residency. The articles referred to are not always specified and the Residency seem to consider as objectionable many articles which will not have attracted our notice, especially anything even remotely connected with the civil disobedience movement or the Congress. Wherever such articles have been brought to our notice, prompt action has been taken with reference to them and the result intimated to the Residency. Yet every application for even renewal of postal concessions is treated as an occasion for a review of the matter published in the newspaper concerned for years past and the grant of postal recommendatory certificate is withheld on

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account of the intermediate correspondence. Though we have nothing to do with the matter directly under the Postal Rules, and the Residency merely consult us the editors of newspapers look to us for a prompt disposal of their applications as they pass through u

It is submitted in this connection that in Briti India, no recommendatory certificate is prescribed. The Magistrates there, are merely required to give a certificate that the usual declarations under the Printing Presses Act etc., have been made. Whereas in the case of an Indian State, a specific recommendation by the Political Officer is insisted upon. It may be convenient if either the responsibility for making this recommendation is entirely left to the Durbar, or if the applicants are asked to obtain the certificate of recommendation direct from the Residency (who may consult us in any case if they desire) as they seem to maintain an independent scrutiny of all the papers published here. It is not clear why the Postal Rules make a discrimination between papers in British India and papers published in the State.

[The position seems to be somewhat better recently & certificates are granted more quickly.]

Chief Secty) 26/6/34

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I shall have a talk with the Resident in the matter.

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The Mysore Legislative Council
Budget Session-June 1934.

Resolution

CP 2543
GJ. 24-33-12

This Council recommends to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja that they may be pleased to take without delay such action as is necessary to ensure that postal concessions allowable to newspapers are granted to newspapers published within the State without their being required to produce a recommendation from the British Resident and that such concessions are not curtailed or cancelled by the Postal authorities arbitrarily and without reference to the Government of Mysore.

Mover.- Mr. D.V. Gundappa

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Extract from Post and Telegraph Guide corrected up to 1st April 1934.

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75. Postage.

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(1) (a) The newspaper shall be registered in the office of the Postmaster-General or officer exercising the powers of the Postmaster-General of the postal circle in which it is published and the period for which its registration or the last renewal thereof as the case may be remains in force shall not have expired. The application for the first registration of a newspaper shall, save in the case of a newspaper printed or published under the orders of Government or for official purposes be accompanied by (i) a certificate from the District, Presidency or Sub-Divisional Magistrate within whose local jurisdiction the newspaper is printed or published or the printer or the publisher resides, that the declaration or declarations required by Section 5 of the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 (XXV of 1867), has or have been made, or in the case of a newspaper published in an Indian State, by a recommendation in writing, from the Political Officer concerned in support of the application and (ii) a list showing the names and addresses of at least fifty subscribers.

(b) The full postage shall be prepaid.

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(2) A first registration effected before the 1st April 1932 shall remain in force till the 31st December 1932, and the first renewal thereof shall remain in force till the 31st December 1933. A first registration effected on or after the 1st April 1932 shall remain in force till the 31st December of the calendar year following that in which it was effected. Save as provided herein, every renewal of a first registration or of a renewal shall remain in force for one calendar year.

(3) The registration of a newspaper for the concessional rate of postage must be deemed to be annulled as soon as the

certificate or the recommendation mentioned in item (a) of sub-clause (1) is formally cancelled or withdrawn by the authorities concerned.

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76. Procedure.

The proprietor, manager or publisher of a newspaper wishing to adopt the system of registration for such newspaper should address the Postmaster-General of the postal circle in which the newspaper is published. He will then be furnished with a printed form of application showing the information required by the Post Office, which he should fill in and return, forwarding at the same time a copy of the newspaper.

The Postmaster General, on receiving the application with the copy of the newspaper will satisfy himself that the newspaper is entitled to be registered in accordance with these rules, and for this purpose will make such enquiry as he may think proper. When the application is accepted, he will assign to the newspaper a registration number with the initial letter of the postal circle prefixed, and communicate this number to the proprietor, manager or publisher. The fact that the newspaper has been registered, and the registration-number assigned to it will be communicated at the same time to the post office at the place where the newspaper is to be posted.

(2) A written notice of the intention to renew the registration of a registered newspaper shall be given to the Postmaster-General one month before the expiry of the period up to which the registration remains in force. No fee shall be payable for the renewal of registration.